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SUBJ: LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER

ESCOVAR ON KOREA

REF: STATE 249540

1. I DELIVERED THE SECRETARY'S LETTER TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON OCT 23 AND REVIEWED ITS CONTENTS FOR HIM. HE ONCE AGAIN PROFESSED ONLY THE MOST SUPERFICIAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE ISSUE. I REITERATED ITS UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO US.

2. ESCOVAR HAS SINCE CALLED ME TO SAY THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS APPROVED GOV SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITION AND A GOV VOTE FOR THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. I ASKED IF THAT MEANT VOTING AGAINST THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. THE MINISTER SAID HE WAS NOT CLEAR ON THE "PROCEDURES" AND THAT THE TWO MISSIONS IN NEW YORK COULD CONSULT ON THAT ASPECT.

3. COMMENT: ESCOVAR HAS OBVIOUS AND EXASPERATING TROUBLE IN FOCUSING ON DETAILS. HE SEEMS TO MAINTAIN ALMOST ABSOLUTE NON-COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE AT THE MINISTRY WHO FOLLOW THESE MORE MUNDANE MATTERS. I SUGGEST A HIGH- LEVEL APPROACH IN NEW YORK WITH SUITABLE REFERENCE TO THE MINISTER'S PROMISE TO ME OF SUPPORT. IF THE REPLY IS LESS THAN POSITIVE, I WILL THEN
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GO BACK TO ESCOVAR AND SAY THAT PROCEDURES HAVE BECOME

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